

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BATCH MAIL PROCESSING UTILIZING A WEB
BROWSER IN A POSTAL OR SHIPPING SYSTEM**

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The invention is a method and system for batch mail processing using a web
5 browser-based postal mail shipping system. The data processing system comprises a
web site for a provider server and a client node in communication with the provider
server. The web site further comprises web pages and script functionality for linking
with a meter driver resident in a meter located at the client node, but callable by the
client node under the control of the script functionality for allowing the script at the client
10 node to link with the meter by utilizing the meter driver. The method is initiated by
calling a web site from the caller node by utilizing communications link, which includes a
browser for accessing the web site. The client node requests that a meter activation
routine be activated. A user enters a postage value for a mail piece in a batch. Batch
processing then begins, and the running batch count and value are displayed to the
15 user on the web page. After the batch is processed, the final batch counts are
displayed to the user on the web page.